

Regular Council Meeting  
January 14, 2003

The Freeport City Council met for a Regular council meeting at 7:00 pm on January 14, 2003.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Earl King Jean Arrant, Mike Helton and Scott Brannon. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson and City Clerk Diane Riley.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Brannon made a motion to accept the minutes after clerical corrections were made on the second page, seconded by Councilman Helton, motion carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Mayor Marse advised the Council that the fencing at the Community Center was up, but there needed to be 4 more panels purchased to complete the job. Each panel cost \$342.00 and would present an additional charge. Council members agreed that it should be completed and told Mayor Marse to go ahead with the extra construction and purchase of the panels.

Charles Peters was unable to attend this meeting to give an engineer report. Mayor Marse highlighted areas of ongoing projects as follows: Rural Development has stated the North Bay Expansion is a viable project and will assist the City with funding. The well driller with the Portland project has seen the new site and should begin drilling soon. The highway at the Industrial Park is still to wet to work. Laird Park is looking good and there is a new small covered observation deck and the bathroom is almost completed. Councilwoman Arrant wants to plant shrubs once the construction is complete and plans for a ribbon cutting will be drafted pretty soon.

New Business:

Motion to have the first reading of Ordinances #03-01 and the advertisement for adoption at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in February was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Helton, motion carried, 5-0. Attorney Adkinson read the heading of the proposed ordinance, which deals with modifying traffic signals for emergency vehicles.

Kim Turner requested a mobile home variance on Four Mile Rd. to assist her aliening mother. The mobile home is a 1988 model and she will agree to conditions set forth by the Council. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to grant the variance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman King, motion carried, 5-0. Ms. Turner is to come by tomorrow and sign conditional letter.

Amy Holley was placed on permanent employment status by motion of Councilman Brannon, seconded by Councilman King, motion carried, 5-0.

Brooke Jackson was named employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2002.

Motion by Councilman Brannon to pay all bills that are in order, seconded by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 5-0.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Mayor Marse asked the Council if they would like a jacket like the one he was wearing with the City logo and monogram with their name and title. The jacket will represent the Council members active involvement in the City when in the public.

Councilwoman McLean showed a certificate presented to the City by the Fire Department for the efforts the Council has displayed in the departments support. The Council commended the Fire Department for their advancement of providing updated information on the operations of the department.

Councilman King requested that he be able to look into different forms of communications for the crews. Cost is rising and services are getting worse. Councilman King will investigate alternative areas and report back to the Council.

Amy Thompson and Teresa Simmons requested use of the Community Center at no charge for Girl Scout Troop 271 on Mondays, from 4:30-6 pm until May. Councilman Brannon motioned to grant the request, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Helton, motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Doren from the audience asked about the process of annexation. Attorney Adkinson explained the process of annexation and land use change.

Mayor Marse informed the Council that the Library was planning a mural dedication in early February and encouraged the Council to attend. Council members should be notified of the date soon.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Diane Riley, City Clerk

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Janice McLean, President of Council